



2008 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set Available January 24

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint announced today that sales of the 2008 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set™ will open on January 24 at 12:00 noon (ET). This year’s set, still priced at \$13.95, contains the five commemorative quarter-dollars honoring Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii in proof condition. These are the final quarters in the popular 50 State Quarters Program, which introduced the joy of coin collecting to millions of Americans.

The term “proof” refers to a manufacturing process in which specially-treated coin blanks are struck multiple times using specially-polished dies. Proof coins—unlike coins produced for general circulation—are extraordinarily brilliant, with sharp relief and a mirror-like background. A frosted, sculpted foreground gives these coins a special cameo effect.

Each proof coin in the 50 State Quarters Proof Set bears the “S” mint mark denoting production at the United States Mint at San Francisco. The coins are sealed in a case that is housed in a specially printed box. A United States Mint Certificate of Authenticity is included.

To submit an order for the 2008 United States Mint 50 State Quarters Proof Set, customers may call the United States Mint’s toll-free number, 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). Hearing- and speech-impaired customers may order by calling 1-888-321-MINT (6468). A shipping and handling fee of \$4.95 will be added to all domestic orders.

Note: Orders placed before the designated date and time are subject to cancellation. For more information, please read our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Answer ID #175.

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